



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE - EXAMINING GROUP 1630**

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants : Mary E. Brunkow *et al.*  
Application No. : 09/696,867  
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SCURFY PHENOTYPE AND ITS HUMAN ORTHOLOG

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated December 9, 2003, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.